

1. The infinitive is a special form of all verbs that is marked by an '-re' ending.
2. The infinitive is not a full verb → it cannot be the main verb of a sentence.
i.e. A sentence needs a full verb to make sense
Ex. He to run to the store → This doesn't make sense
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He 'wants' to run to the store → 'wants' is a full verb, and thus is the main verb.
3. An infinitive cannot take a subject. It therefore cannot be the main verb of a sentence.
4. An infinitive is ~~was~~ translated as 'to + verb'.
Ex. Amare = to love Sedere = to sit
5. Infinitives usually match with particular verbs like:
 - a. cupio, cupire: ~~cupio~~ to want + inf. Ex. cupio currere = I want to run
 - b. constitui, constituere: to decide + inf. Ex. constitui partire = he decides to leave
 - c. possum, posse: to be able + inf. Ex. Possum sedere = I am able to sit
 - d. debeo, debere: to need + inf. Ex. debet scire = you need to know